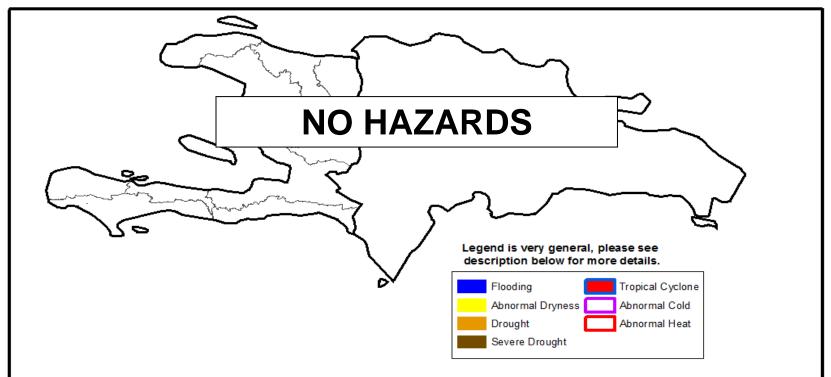


Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook March 20 – March 26, 2014

Average to above-average rainfall continues over parts of Haiti during mid-March.



During the last seven days, average to above-average rainfall continued throughout many local areas in Haiti. The highest weekly rainfall accumulations (>30mm) were observed in southern Haiti, which brought continued moisture into parts of the Ouest and Sud-Est departments of the country. In the north, weekly rainfall accumulations remained seasonably low over the Nord and Nord-Est departments. Over the last 30 days, above-average precipitation has been observed across many coastal areas along the gulf, with below-average rainfall throughout the western Haitian peninsula, and across the northern departments. Although Hispaniola climatologically observes a minimum in rainfall during this time of year, the anomalous dryness in the north follows several months of poor rainfall observed in the northern departments of Haiti which may continue adversely impact ground and vegetation conditions. For the upcoming outlook period, precipitation forecasts suggest a return to more climatological normal rainfall during late March. Low to locally moderate rainfall amounts (5-30mm) are expected across the southern and western departments of Haiti.